(b) According to information collected by the Rajiv Gandhi National Water Missaion, all the districts of Andhra Pradesh are affected.

(c) The measures taken for the control of fluorosis are :

(i) Creating community awareness through IEC activities;

(ii) Carrying out epidemiological surveys;

(iii) Testing drinking water quality of all sources in affected areas;

(iv) Providing safe drinking water to the Community;

(v) Erecting Defluoridation Plants for treating fluoride contaminated water.

Private Financing of N.H. Projects in Maharashtra

3376. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has submitted some projects of National Highways to be undertaken through private financing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of projects approved for Private Financing; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The list of such project is given in the Statement enclosed.

(c) and (d) One project relating to construction of Thane-Bhiwandi by-pass has been approved by the Union Government. The other proposals are at various stages of examination and it is too early to indicate a time frame for their final approval/clearance.

S.No.	Name of the work
1	2
1.	Improvement and maintenance of *Thane-Bhiwandi* bypass from km. (-)0/115 to km 23/509 including links and loops.
2.	Construction of *Panvel Bypass* on NH 4.
3.	Four laning of *NH-48.*
4.	Construction of major bridge across Patalganga river near *Kharpada Village* in Km. 26/4 of PMP Road.
5.	Construction of major bridge across *Wainganga* river in mile 39/1 (km 491/0) including approaches on Raipur-Nagpur Section of NH-6, near Bhandara.
6.	Strengthening existing two lane pavement from Tapi Bridge at Dabhashi to Km. 233/0 of Mumbai-Agra Road NH 3 i/c construction of ROB in km 228/0 at *Nardhana* and its approaches on NH 3 in Dhule Distt.
7.	Construction of ROB with approaches at Km. 399/0 near *Fekari Village* and km. 418/800 near Nashirabad Village including strengthening km. 400/200 to 428/00 on NH 6 in Jalgaon Distt.
8.	Construction of missing link Zarap to Patradevi of Panvel - Mahad - Panjim road, NH. 17, Section III-*Banda to Patradevi* (Km. 18/758 to 21/508=2.75 Km.)
9.	Four laning of road between Vadgaon to Lonawala Km 34/0 to 61/600 and *Lanawala-Khandala* bypass between km 61/600 to 67/785 on Mumbai-Pune road.
10.	Construction of *Paldhi bypass* and strengthening existing two lane pavement on NH 6 from Km. 442/0 to 465/0 in Jalgaon Distt.
11.	Construction of R.C.C. *flyover* bridge on *Westerly diversion* outside Pune city on NH 4 at Warje junction in Km. 27/160 to 27/680.
12.	Construction of major bridge across *Pinglai* river including approaches on NH 6 in Amrawati Distt.
13.	4-laning of Nagpur-Hyderabad road NH 7 Km 10/860 to 30/0 (Nagpur-Butibori Section).

[Translation]

Health Survey of Labourers

3377. SHRI SUKH LAL KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have got conducted any survey regarding the health of the labourers working in factories and other industrial establishments on the instructions of World Health Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the findings thereof;

(c) action proposed to be taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) The World Health Organisation has not given any specific advice to the Government of India to conduct surveys regarding the health of labourers working in factories. However, WHO does encourage and promote such survey and studies involving surveillance of workers' health. The National Instt. of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad, which is

under the Indian Council of Medical Research has been regularly carrying out surveys on the health of workers engaged in various industries such as Cotton, Cement, Pesticides. Occasionally the National Instt. of Occupational Health also collaborates with World Health Organisation on various other projects. Whenever, ICMR comes to know about any specific health hazards, it alerts the concerned industries for taking appropriate remedial measures.

[English]

Spurious Drugs Racket in UP, MP

3378. SHRI RAM SAGAR :
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Spurious drugs racket in U.P. and M.P." appearing in the Economic Times dated February 4, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Newspaper report mentions that drugs supplied by the Government of India-owned Pharmeceutical units through third parties to many of the Government hospitals in U.P., M.P. and Delhi have been found sub-standard and even spurious. The report also states that there is a network of some unscrupulous traders and dealers who connive with State Government and Company officials and supply medicines lebelled as marketed by Central Pius.

(c) The facts are being collected from the concerned State Governments on the basis of which suitable action will be taken.

[Translation]

Underground Water

3379. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have constituted a Committee to review the methodology for estimation of ground water resources of the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government have drawn any plan to fill the underground water artificially;

(c) if so, the number of areas covered under this plan in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) the estimated cost thereon during last two years?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Ground Water Board is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on studies of ground water recharge in Karnataka, Maharashtra, NCT of Delhi and Chandigarh. Besides, the Central Ground Water Board has also formulated a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to assist the State Governments in Artificial recharge of Ground Water. This Scheme is at consultation stage.

(c) and (d) Questions do not arise.

[English]

Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

3380. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to amend the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Amending the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules thereunder is a continuing process in the effort to provide clean and wholesome food to the consumer. A Task Force under the chairmanship of Justice E.S. Venkataramaiah, Chief Justice of India (Retired) has made a number of recommendations relating to the amendment of the Act. The process of examining the recommendations has been set in motion by obtaining the views of the Central Committee for Food Standards where representatives of the State Government and experts are members.

[Translation]

Agitation against Construction of Dam on Vichhian and Vihar River

3381. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether an agitation against the construction of a dam over Vichhian and Vihar river of Riva Nagar is going on;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the Union and State Governments on the construction of this dam?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) As reported by State Government officials no agitation is going on at present against the Construction of a dam over Vichhian and Vihar river of Rewa Nagar.